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SUBJECT: RECENT OBSERVATIONS ON VIET-NAM

REF: A. BANGKOK 23278; B. BANGKOK 23279

1. THE EMBASSY HAS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ON PORTIONS OF A CON-
VERSATION WITH SWEDISH TELEVISION REPORTER STEPHEN HILDEBRAND,
DURING HIS CALL ON DCM NOVEMBER 4 (REFTELS). HILDEBRAND
ALSO HAD A NUMBER OF OBSERVATIONS ON VIET-NAM, INCLUDING A
FASCINATING ACCOUNT OF DECISION-MAKING ON THE LOCAL LEVEL
(CAN THO). HE WAS UNABLE TO TRAVEL BY ROAD TO BAN ME THUOT
BECAUSE OF ALLEGED DANGER, DESPITE PRG CLAIMS OF GREAT PROGRESS
IN REDUCING RESISTANCE IN THE AREA. HILDEBRAND, CONTRARY TO
OTHERS, CONSIDERS THE SOUTH TO BE UNDER EFFECTIVE SOUTHERN
CONTROL, WITH NVA RETURNING TO THE NORTH. FINALLY, HE
CLAIMS HE RECEIVED DEFINITE INDICATIONS IN SAIGON THAT
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THE MILITARY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE WILL SOON BE DISSOLVED,

AND POWER WILL BE IN THE HANDS OF CIVILIANS.

2. HILDEBRAND'S OBSERVATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS ARE CONTROVERSIAL BUT INTERESTING. THE EMBASSY IS SUBMITTING A DETAILED ACCOUNT OF THE DISCUSSION ON VIET-NAM BY AIRGRAMS. WHITEHOUSE

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